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COMMENTS REGARDING SOME SEWING AIDS*

Gages.

A tension gage. The new, improved model works quite well. The old one was not very satisfactory.

A new button gage of plastic combines a ruler, a pointed edge for pushing collar corners out to a point, and a way of making thread shanks on buttons. Not as good for measuring as a transparent ruler.

Machine Attachments.

A new edge-stitcher attachment--it's standard equipment on many new machines, but did not come with the older models. Stitches very close to the edge.

There is a new blind hemmer attachment for a sewing machine that works very well and doesn't need much practice to use.

Press Cloths.

A velvet press pad--for pressing napped fabrics, such as velvet and velour. Acts on the same principle as the needle board, but is cheaper and easy to use.

An all-rayon press cloth, chemically treated, which is quite good for pressing almost all fabrics. It looks like the paper dishcloths that are sold in department stores. This press cloth is sold in some chain drug stores, some 5- and 10-cent stores, and at some notion counters. It can be used indefinitely.

Button Kit.

Button-covering kits--sold at notion counters and 5- and 10-cent stores. Come in different sizes. Care must be exercised in covering the buttons, as it is easy to cut the material.

Needle Threaders.

There are several needle threaders on the market, but they won't thread very fine needles.

Cutting Board.

There is a new folding cutting board for laying out patterns on material. It is marked off in inches, so you can be sure the material is laid out straight. It needs to rest on a firm, rather large surface. Has a tendency to warp unless it is stored flat.

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